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Donald J. Trump  
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Dear President Trump,

I write to urge you to nominate a highly-qualified individual to serve as Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. It is unacceptable that NHTSA has been without a permanent leader for 408 days and counting.

There were 37,461 people killed in crashes on U.S. roadways during 2016, an increase of 5.6% from 2015. Even more concerning is that 10,497 of these deaths resulted from alcohol-impaired-driving crashes. Too many Americans have lost family members and loved ones due to preventable crashes, and NHTSA's work to eliminate risky behaviors on our roads and regulate vehicle equipment has proven critical to reducing traffic fatalities. I am a strong supporter of the Driver Alcohol Detection System for Safety Program that NHTSA administers, as this non-invasive technology has the potential to eliminate drunk driving by preventing vehicles from operating if the driver's BAC is above the legal limit. I am concerned that the vital work NHTSA has already done to reduce traffic fatalities is in jeopardy without a permanent leader at the agency's helm.

No more Americans should know the grief of losing a loved one due to a preventable traffic crash. You owe it to the families of each victim to nominate a qualified NHTSA Administrator so this agency can continue its life-saving work.

Sincerely,

  
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